



**Tony Evers, Governor**  
**Dawn Crim, Secretary**

October 13, 2020

Karen Kastenson, City Clerk/Comptroller  
City of South Milwaukee  
2424 15th Avenue  
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[kastenson@smwi.org](mailto:kastenson@smwi.org)

**VIA EMAIL**

Re: City of South Milwaukee Jurisdiction Request for Commercial Building Inspections

Dear Karen Kastenson,

I am pleased to inform you that your municipality has been delegated commercial building code enforcement authority per your request. Per Wis. Stat. § 101.12(3)(g), I delegate your municipality the primary responsibility to do inspections of all size buildings in lieu of the Department. This delegation does not include fire suppression or fire alarm, which you may request as a separate delegation.

An exception to this delegation is that our agency retains jurisdiction for inspection of all state-owned buildings.

As a condition of the delegation, you are required to comply with the following:

- Provide the Department with a copy of any revisions to the ordinance adopting this code.
- Notify the department, in writing, immediately of any personnel changes to inspection staff.
- Notify the Department, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the date upon which the appointed agent intends to relinquish the responsibilities assumed under this section.

The Department will periodically monitor municipalities and request activity reports to ensure that the delegated responsibilities are being properly fulfilled by the municipality. We do require that delegated municipal code officials hold the Wisconsin Commercial Building Inspector certification and attend agency-approved continuing education to maintain their certification.

In accordance with 2017 Wisconsin Act 198, the Department will be implementing a five-year electronic renewal process. Please continue to monitor department correspondence as further details regarding this process are communicated.

If your municipality decides to relinquish jurisdiction, please follow the provisions of Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 361.60(2)(b)4 by providing the Department with a 30-day notice prior to the day upon which your municipality intends to relinquish jurisdiction.

I understand that the primary enforcement contact for your municipality, Steven Petery, has the proper certification to do so.

For your convenience, I am providing a link to the Department's Delegated Agent Welcome Packet. This packet contains links to the Wisconsin Administrative Code, plan review application, submission and inspection checklists, sample letters, petition for variance application, and a list of FAQs that may be helpful in your new delegated agent role. <https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/Programs/CommercialBuildings/WelcomePacket2020.pdf>

Our commercial building inspector for your area, John Gibbs, at (414) 852-3694, will be contacting your primary code official in the near future to discuss transitional and coordination items.

The Division of Industry Services looks forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Beggs, Section Chief, Field Operations

cc: Garry Krause, Bureau Director, Technical Services Bureau  
John Gibbs, Commercial Building Inspector, Technical Services Bureau



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April 6, 2021

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**VIA EMAIL**

Re: City of South Milwaukee Jurisdiction Request for Fire Suppression and Fire Alarm Inspection

Dear Karen Kastenson,

I am pleased to inform you that your municipality has been delegated fire suppression and fire alarm code enforcement authority per your request. Per Wis. Stat. § 101.12(3g), I delegate your municipality the primary responsibility to do inspection of all size buildings for fire suppression and fire alarm projects in lieu of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department).

As a condition of the delegation, you are required to comply with the following:

- Submit to the department the fees specified in Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 302.31(1)(h) for all projects.
- Provide a monthly report, in an electronic-based format, to the Department for all projects.
- Apply the corresponding requirements in Wis. Admin. Code §§ SPS 361.60 (6).
- Provide the Department with a copy of any revisions to the ordinance adopting this code.
- Notify the department, in writing, immediately of any personnel changes to inspection staff.
- Notify the Department, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the date upon which the appointed agent intends to relinquish the responsibilities assumed under this section.

The Department will periodically monitor municipalities and request activity reports to ensure that the delegated responsibilities are being properly fulfilled by the municipality. We do require that delegated municipal code officials hold the Wisconsin Commercial Building Inspector certification, or the Fire Detection, Prevention, and Suppression Inspector if applicable, and attend agency-approved continuing education to maintain their certification.

In accordance with 2017 Wisconsin Act 198, the Department will be implementing a five-year electronic renewal process. Please continue to monitor department correspondence as further details regarding this process are communicated.

If your municipality decides to relinquish jurisdiction, please follow the provisions of Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 361.60(2)(b)4 by providing the Department with a 30-day notice prior to the day upon which your municipality intends to relinquish jurisdiction.

I understand that the primary enforcement contact for your municipality, Kevin Schneider, has the proper certification to do so.

Our commercial building inspector for your area, John Gibbs, at (414) 852-3694, is available to assist in any questions or concerns your municipality may have with implementing these fire suppression and fire alarm services.

The Division of Industry Services looks forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Michael D. McNally Jr.

Section Chief, Fire Suppression and Fire Alarm Program

cc: Garry Krause, Bureau Director, Technical Services Bureau  
John Gibbs, Commercial Building Inspector, Field Services Bureau